

REMARKS

The Status of the Claims

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter.

Claims 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by *Grampp*, U.S. Patent No. 2,184,097.

Claims 2-13 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112.

Claim 1; Rejected Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter. More specifically, the Examiner states that it is not clear if the “extension member” is the “elongated radial extension.” Claim 1 has been amended to eliminate the word “member” and to be preceded by the word “radial.” Thus, indicating that the “elongated radial extension” and the “radial extension” are the same. This element is identified by the reference number “36” in the specification. As such, the “extension” has an antecedent basis.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112(b), second paragraph, set forth in the July 14, 2004 Office Action.

Claims 1-14; Rejected Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by *Grampp*, U.S. Patent No. 2,184,097. The Examiner has further indicated that Claims 2-13 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112. The rejection of under 35 U.S.C. § 112 is addressed above. Further, the recitations of Claim 2, which depended from claim 1, have been incorporated into claim 1. As such, claim 1, as amended, and all claims that depend therefrom are allowable as indicated by the Examiner.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), set forth in the July 14, 2004 Office Action.

CONCLUSION

It is submitted that the present amendment obviates the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, and that the claims, as amended, are not anticipated under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) by the cited reference. Applicant submits that the application is now in proper form for issuance of a Notice of Allowance and such action is requested at an early date.

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